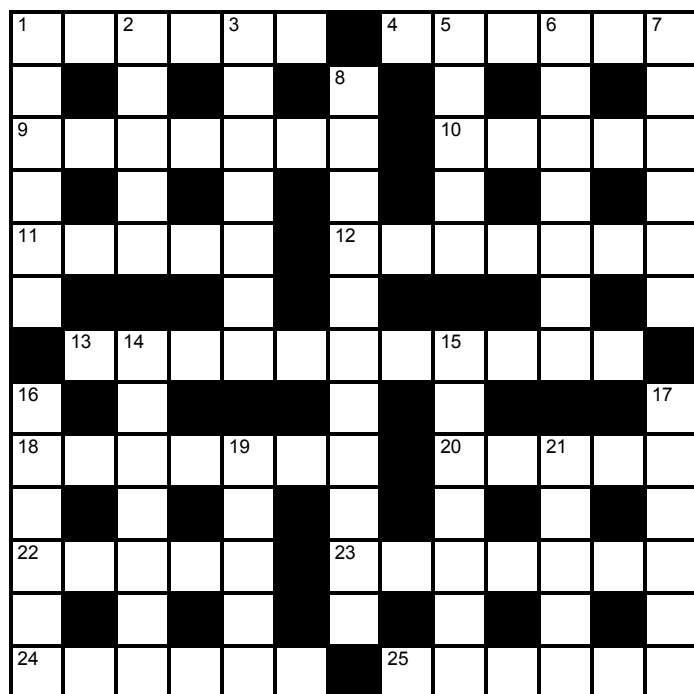


All the across solutions are of a kind and have only word play.



### Across

- 1 An informer (6)
- 4 We curl around (6)
- 9 Twisted nail tip (7)
- 10 Ignorant or foolish person (5)
- 11 Making a comeback in hotel woodland (5)
- 12 Raise me in a turmoil (7)
- 13 Son escaped from writhing anacondas!  
Silly person (6,5)
- 18 A king I found three times over (7)
- 20 Labourer who works underground (5)
- 22 Hound, losing head (5)
- 23 A garnet in pieces (7)
- 24 Peculiar keepsake private secretary  
overlooked (6)
- 25 Repeat by rote (6)

### Down

- 1 One who arrests - unhappy cop with  
dreadful rat (6)
- 2 Tangled nylon; this describes an alkyl  
radical (5)
- 3 One time Roman province, troubled earth  
and first bits of Italian Alps (7)
- 5 Brown mineral, amber changing at first  
(5)
- 6 Large shaggy female cat's unusual lesions  
(7)
- 7 Stop and detain non-professional pursuing  
freedom of action (6)
- 8 Writers of dictionary explanations, gist  
and sound initially involving complex  
special orals (11)
- 14 Strangely elating, in a thrilling sensation  
(7)
- 15 Outsize Frenchman and German with a  
plant (7)
- 16 Surprisingly enact a chain of connected  
ideas (6)

- 17** Hear a rationale revealing where the ark stopped (6)
- 19** Girl's not once supporting anger (5)
- 21** Land-locked West African republic's flawed reign (5)